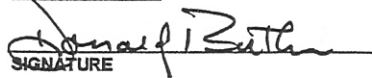


<p>ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</p> <p><b><u>DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER</u></b></p> <p>PLANT SERVICES DIVISION</p> <p>CITRUS NURSERY STOCK PESTS</p>	<p><u>DIVISION/PROGRAM:</u> PSD</p> <p><u>DAO 05-08</u></p> <p> SIGNATURE</p> <p><u>8/8/05</u> EFFECTIVE DATE</p>
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1. **PURPOSE**

This Order is issued to repeal the Arizona Department of Agriculture Director's Administrative Order 05-06, intended to mitigate an immediate risk of infestation of virus and insect pests in Arizona by increasing protection against the entry of the listed virus and insect pests on citrus nursery stock entering the state. This Order extends the effective date of the enforcement and refines the Restrictions listed in section D below.

Currently, under the Arizona Administrative Code, the Citrus Nursery Stock Pests rule, R3-4-220 contains procedural requirements that the state of California is unable to meet. This order revises the procedures set forth in the rule in order to ensure California can abide by the requirements.

As a major source of nursery stock with the target virus and insect pests, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), along with representatives from Arizona's nursery and citrus industries have reviewed this order. In conjunction with this order, the Department has opened a rulemaking docket to institute rule changes that will ensure California's ability to adhere to these requirements.

In order to allow industry time to meet the testing requirements of this Order, we will delay enforcement until September 1, 2005.

2. **AUTHORITY**

A. R. S. § 3-201.01 Associate director; powers and duties

3. **RESPONSIBILITY**

The Associate Director, managers and supervisors shall ensure that all employees of the Plant Services Division understand and comply with this Order.

4. **APPLICABILITY**

This Order applies to all shipments of regulated commodities and appliances from the area under quarantine.

5. Order

A. Definitions. "Pest" means any of the following viral diseases or arthropods:

1. Viral diseases:

Cachexia (CVd-II),  
Citrus Exocortis Virus (CEVd),  
Citrus Psorosis Virus (CPsV), and  
Citrus Tristeza Virus (CTV).

2. Arthropods. All life stages of:

*Aceria sheldoni*, Citrus bud mite;  
*Maconellicoccus hirsutus*, Pink hibiscus mealybug;  
*Phyllocoptruta oleivora*, Citrus rust mite; and  
*Pseudococcus comstocki*, Comstock mealybug.

B. Area under quarantine. All states, territories, and districts of the United States except the State of Arizona.

C. Regulated commodities and appliances.

1. Commodities. A plant or plant part, except seed and attached green fruit, of all species, varieties or hybrids of the genera *Citrus*, *Eremocitrus*, *Fortunella*, *Poncirus* and *Microcitrus*.
2. Appliances. An appliance used in a citrus grove, citrus nursery, or other area to handle citrus nursery stock listed in (C) (1).

D. Restrictions.

1. A person may ship a regulated commodity into Arizona from an area under quarantine if the regulated commodity is accompanied by a certificate issued by a plant regulatory official from the origin state attesting that the commodity:
  - a. Originated from an area not under quarantine for citrus tristeza virus, and
  - b. Originated from a source tree that:
    - i. was tested for Cachexia, citrus exocortis virus, and citrus psorosis virus, or
    - ii. originated from budwood that was tested for Cachexia, citrus exocortis virus, and citrus psorosis virus, and
    - iii. Is tested annually for citrus tristeza virus, and
  - c. Is treated within 5 days before shipment with a chemical to kill the arthropod pests listed in section (A)(2), and that the commodity is free of all live life stages of the arthropod pests listed in section (A)(2).

2. A person shall not ship a Meyer lemon plant or plant part, except fruit, into Arizona. An exemption is allowed for the selection 'Improved' Meyer lemon plant or plant part.
3. A person shipping a regulated commodity into Arizona shall attach a single tag or label to each plant or plant part, or to each individual container containing a plant or plant part, that is intended for resale by the Arizona receiver. Each tag or label shall contain the following information for each scion variety grafted to a single rootstock:
  - a. Name and address of the nursery that propagated the plant
  - b. Scion variety name
  - c. Scion variety registration number, and
  - d. Rootstock variety name.
4. A person shipping a regulated commodity into Arizona shall ensure the commodity is also in compliance with the entry requirements prescribed in the *Director's Administrative Order for Scale Pests* and the *Director's Administrative Order for Whitefly Pests*.
5. A person may ship a regulated appliance into Arizona if the appliance is accompanied by a certificate issued by a plant regulatory official of the state of origin attesting that the appliance was treated within 5 days before shipment with a chemical to kill the arthropod pests listed in section (A) (2), and that the appliance is free of live life stages of the arthropod pests listed in section (A) (2).
6. A regulated commodity or appliance shipped into Arizona in violation of this Director's Administrative Order shall be destroyed, treated or transported out of state as prescribed at A.R.S. Title 3, Chapter 2, Article 1.